

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK – SEE LIBRARIANS IN FAIRBANKS!

The *Friday Bulletin* is compiled and mailed out by one primary person and two back up editors/distributors. Next Friday all of us will be in Fairbanks for the 2012 Alaska Library Association (AkLA) conference. As a result, no *Bulletin* will be published for the week of 2/24/2012. We hope to see many library subscribers next week!

More information about the 2012 AkLA conference can be found at <http://aklaconference2012.pbworks.com> and <http://www.akla.org/fairbanks2012/>.

HELP US CREATE A LIBRARY PLAN FOR ALASKA!

We need your help developing a new five-year state plan for how federal library grant funds will be spent in Alaska.

What trends will Alaska libraries need to address over the next five years? Look at ideas contributed by the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries, agree or disagree with the suggestions, post comments or suggest other trends.

- Simply go to: <http://akstateplan.ideascale.com>.
- REGISTER in top right corner, and you are in.
- We are gathering input through March 15.
- You can comment now.
- Later, you can return to this site and review what others have said and add new ideas.

This opportunity is for all Alaskans, not just for library staff.

WHO WE ARE: NADIA JACKINSKY (CURATOR OF COLLECTIONS, SITKA)



I am not the first to say that objects tell stories and evoke memories. These stories and memories, however, are what most excite me about working with museum collections as a curator. The Sheldon Jackson Museum is full of stories, some recorded in our artifact background files, some unknown. I enjoy the challenge of finding these stories through close examination of artifacts, archival research and discussions with people who remember using or hearing about objects that are similar to those in our collection. As a curator I have the opportunity to share what I find with the public through exhibitions, public programs and publications. It is an honor to work with and learn from such an amazing museum collection.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2012 ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS CONFERENCE

The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums (ATALM) has released the preliminary schedule for the June 4-7th International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries and Museums at the Cherokee-owned Hard Rock Casino and Resort in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In all, there are nine pre-conferences, 63 concurrent sessions, four evening events, six mini-workshops, seven preservation labs, a dynamic exhibit hall and three keynote presenters. Early bird registration (before April 30) is \$250 and includes several meal functions. To view the preliminary schedule, or for more information on registration, scholarships, hotel rooms, exhibitor and sponsor opportunities, visit www.atalm.org.

ALASKA DIGITAL SANDBOX MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

Alaska's Digital Sandbox is a listing of artifacts and other resources compiled by several Alaska School Districts that should be of use to K-12 teachers. There is a public view of this material available at <http://www2.schooltown.net/exchange.aspx?k=GroupID%3d9399> that may be helpful to homeschoolers and members of the general public. The public listing can be filtered by subject area, grade level and type of resource. Some recently added resources include:

- Storybird – a website to encourage reluctant readers with creative storytelling
- Exploring Nature – a wildlife index includes 5,000 life sciences illustrations
- Using PhET Simulations for Science Inquiry: Free, Researched, Web-Based Resources
- Alaska Native Collections: Sharing Knowledge – Smithsonian cross cultural resources site
- HippoCampus AP U.S. History I – free online course in US history

PRESIDENT REQUESTS \$231,953,777 FOR INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

President Obama has requested \$231,953,777 for fiscal year 2013 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an amount equal to the agency's current funding. IMLS inspires libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. This is the first budget request for the agency since the adoption of its new five-year strategic plan.

The President requested \$184,704,000 for the nation's 123,000 libraries and \$30,859,000 for the nation's 17,500 museums

For more details on the President's request, visit the full IMLS press release at http://www.imls.gov/president_requests_231953777_for_institute_of_museum_and_library_services.aspx.

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